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1. SMV headquarters in Vienna I, on Kantgasse, is preparing to combine administrative offices of most SMV oil fields into one joint office at Neusiedl. 50X1-HUM

Although no steps have yet been taken to put this plan into effect, the Kantgasse office has notified SMV oil fields that administrative employees and machine shop workers will be transferred to Neusiedl in the next few weeks. In addition, some employees of the Kantgasse office itself will probably be transferred to Neusiedl.

this move will affect all SMV oil fields except Muehl-50X1-HUM
barg and Matzen. Since these two fields are less accessible, they will 50X1-HUM
merely maintain small liaison offices at Neusiedl.

various economy measures will be introduced simultaneously with the establishment of this central administrative office. Some SMV 50X1-HUM
firms have been advised to prepare for a 15 percent reduction in administrative personnel. No reduction in SMV engineering or drilling staffs is anticipated; in fact, additional workers may be hired. Transfers of personnel are expected in DEA I, DEA II, ITAG-Wintershall, ITAG-Hohenrappersdorf, Erdgas, and the drilling section at Maustrenk. A skeleton staff of administrative workers will be retained at these fields to keep records on current production and delivery. As yet, the Soviets have not requisitioned any additional property at Neusiedl, which makes it likely that they intend to reoccupy those buildings vacated when the Zistersdorf Oil Staff was dissolved in mid-June 1948.

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2. The Soviets have replaced KLUSTOS, appointed production manager at the Richard K. Van Sickle firm in 1945, by OBERHOLZER, a veteran employee of this firm. This step may be an indication that the Soviets are preparing to release control of the Van Sickle firm. It is probable that Rehcoel A.G. will also be returned to the Austrian economy, while E.P.G. may be reorganized as a joint Austro-Soviet holding company.

3. AKASHANOV, KORNIEV's successor as head of the SMV technical Branch, has instituted a number of new security regulations. Austrian employees have been warned that statistics on SMV production, drilling operations, and repair work constitute classified information, and that any security breach will result in immediate dismissal. Austrian employees are no longer permitted to enter any SMV installation other than that to which they are assigned. Heretofore, passes having a large green Roman "I" were valid for

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green Roman "II" were valid for one installation both day and night; passes with a large green "O" were valid for all installations at all times. Now, only those employees having a pass signed by the local Werkschutz may visit SMV installations. This visit must be made on official business, be confirmed by the individual receiving the visitor as well as the manager of the plant which sent the visitor. These security regulations are strictly enforced by Capt. POLSKOI, Werkschutz commander of the Zistersdorf area.

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